(d) The receipt of foreign contribution is regulated under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. As per the Act, only associations having definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme can accept foreign contribution and that too after obtaining registration or prior permission from the Central Government. The acceptance of foreign contribution without obtaining registration or prior permission is a violation of the Act. The Act provides for action against the associations not covered under the Act, which includes prohibiting the associations from accepting the foreign contribution, freezing their bank account and prosecuting them in a court of Law. Misuse of funds for other purposes and objectives also constitutes violation of the Act and the defaulting associations are liable to action.

Proposal for merger of Seraikela and Kharsuan with Orissa

376. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the merger of Seraikela and Kharsuan with Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suggestions for Amendments made by the Police Reforms Committee

377. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions for amendments made by the Police Reforms Committee;

(b) the changes in Cr. P.C. proposed and accepted by Government; and

(c) the other reforms proposed to reduce the pressure on the courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Committee to suggest structural changes in the Police to meet the challenges India would face in the new millennium is yet to submit its report to the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.